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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Fees have been calculated as shown below:

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Number of Claims in Excess of 20			45	35	0	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 180.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3			4	4	0	\$ 84.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Depend			dent Claims			\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 270.00
Extension Fee:	a)	One Month				\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00
	b)	Two Month	s			\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
	c)	Three Mont	hs			\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 0.00
	d)	Four Month	s			\$1440.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 0.00
	e)	Five Month	s			\$1960.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 0.00
Other:								\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE							\$ 450.00	

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 2, lines 20-22, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following replacement paragraph.

There is the need in the art for additional materials for use as an artificial cartilage such as in weight-bearing joints. The present invention is directed to a material and prosthetic device for use in the treatment of arthritis and to supplement or replace cartilage.

On Page 3, lines 1-5, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the 11. following replacement paragraph.



A central object of the invention is to provide a hydrogel for use in the treatment or prevention of arthritis, said hydrogel obtainable by combining acrylamide and methylene bisacrylamide in amounts so as to give about 0.5 to 25% by weight polyacrylamide, based on the total weight of the hydrogel; radical initiation; and washing with pyrogen-free water or saline solution.

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